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SUBJECT: FORMIN DECLARES PERUVIAN - ECUADOREAN RELATIONS
NORMAL

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1. ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 11, DECLARED THAT PERUVIAN-ECUADOREAN RELATIONS
WERE DEVELOPING NORMALLY. TEXT TOLLOWS IN UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION: QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE SERIES OF RUMORS
WHICH HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING REGARDING EVENTS WHICH HAVE
OCCURED INVOLVING ECUADOR AND PERU, THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS IF OBLIGED TO INFORM THE CITIZENRY
AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
ARE EVOLVING NORMALLY.

B. IN THE AREA OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STATES, ES-
PECIALLY IF THEY ARE NEIGHBORS, QUESTIONS ARISE WHICH
BY THEIR NATURE AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THEIR CORDIAL DE-
VELOPMENT, DEMAND A MORE PRUDENT AND CAREFUL TREATMENT,
CONDUCTED WITH THE HIGHEST SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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C. WITHOUT PARTING FROM NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AT ANY TIME, ECUADOR AND PERU HAVE CARRIED ON AT VARIOUS LEVELS DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS CONVERSATIONS ON DELICATE AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS. THESE CONVERSATIONS CULMINATED IN THE SPECIAL VISIT TO QUITO OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF PERU, AMBASSADOR CARLOS GARCIA-BEDOYA, TO EXAMINE THE PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND CONSIDER NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR A POLICY OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION.

D. THE CONVERSATIONS HELD BY AMBASSADOR GARCIA-BEDOYA AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE MADE CLEAR THE WILL WHICH EXISTS IN THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES WHICH UNITE THEM AS WELL AS THEIR DISPOSITION TO SEEK BY MEANS OF A FRIENDLY DIALOGUE THE ELIMINATION OF ALL PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES, OF WHATEVER IMPORTANCE, WHICH MAY PRESENT THEMSELVES, WITH THE GREATEST SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AND A MUTUAL AND EQUITABLE UNDERSTANDING.

E. THIS MOST CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS DEMONSTRATED, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE DEFENSE OF NATIONAL POSITIONS IS COMPATIBLE WITH A LOYAL AND EFFECTIVE POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ECUADOR AND PERU. QUITO, JANUARY 11, 1974. END QUOTE

2. AMBASSADOR GARCIA-BEDOYA DEPARTED QUITO FOR LIMA THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 11 FOLLOWING A 48-HOUR VISIT. BREWSTER

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